

ABSTRACT

HA-1015<sup>B</sup>

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 40(43)  
Wiley, Maryland/Pennsylvania  
Public/private

1767 (first set 1902, at  
new site on the Line)

Milestone No. 40(43), now in two pieces at two different locations, was an original crownstone of 1767 brought from Washington County and set at a relocated site on the West Line in 1902 to replace the crownstone originally set by Mason and Dixon in 1766, which by the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary had been broken off its base and the top removed. This replacement marked the approximate 40th mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland until 1946 when it too was broken off at ground level, though soon retrieved and reset (by 1949), only to be broken off once more ("removed on Halloween 1956" according to Bayliff, 1959, p. 98). It surfaced some time later at the museum of the Historical Society of York County in York, Pennsylvania, where it remains in fairly good condition though the embellishments are indistinct from weathering, and is appropriately displayed, adding significantly to the visual representation of the colonial and Civil War heritage, available to the public at large as well as their county school educational program. The base, still in place in Wiley, is scarcely recognizable: a nondescript patch of concrete with a squared imprint from the monument (when formerly reset), flush with the ground. If No. 40(43) was its original full length of approximately 4½', the below-ground portion would be at least 3' and probably surrounded by a large concrete collar. Until there is some kind of visual marking of the Line in Wiley, this base does not have the significance of its predecessor/<sup>believed</sup> at the still original site, some 115' to the east, unexposed.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 40th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 40 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 43)

**2 LOCATION** (not for publication)

STREET &amp; NUMBER northwest corner of junction of PA A-1998 with MD 23

CITY, TOWN

Wiley

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 2 / PA: 19

STATE

Maryland/Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD; Harford / PA: York

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> State boundary marker

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** N/A(see surrounding property ownership list)  
COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Harford County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

HA-1015 entered c. 1970 (undated) ☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (top)	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD (top)	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE 1902
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED (base)		(new site)

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 40 (43) was an original Mason and Dixon crownstone of 1767 brought from Washington County <sup>in 1902</sup> to replace the crownstone originally set in the vicinity to mark the 40th horizontal mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of the 230.228-mile West Line. Although the site of the original <sup>Monument No. 40(42)</sup> ~~is now unexposed~~ and the above-ground portion <sup>had been</sup> broken off and removed before the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, the present site was established at a more suitable location, an estimated 115' more or less, west of the original, on the Line. The above ground portion is now in the collection of the Historical Society of York County, Pennsylvania; but the below-ground portion is still in place, firmly imbedded in the collar of concrete surrounding it at the time it was set. The condition of the base is unknown; but the condition of the top is fairly good, and makes a handsome, important addition to the Society's <sup>permanent</sup> colonial exhibit.

Wiley is a little crossroads cluster of farmhouses and a store. The land here is quite flat and the farms and other houses are scattered. This new 1902 site is in the northwest corner formed by the junction of PA A-1998 with MD 23 at its right-angle bend, in Wiley, about 1' from the road edge, flanked on the north by 4 wood posts and a utility pole (#114-1), all standing guard but none protecting. This grade-level patch of concrete with its squared indentation where the top was reset by the time of 4/10/49, can be seen easily from the roads, all seasons (except when covered by snow).

The monument top stood in place from 1902 until about 1946, when it was broken off at ground level (T. M. Slaughter report 9/8/48 on file at Maryland Geological Survey); it was reset apparently just by cementing, by the time of the Trussell photos of 4/10/49 (MHS-PP2 collection); only to have been "removed on Halloween 1956" (Bayliff, 1959, p. 98). The Historical Society of York County does not have any accession records for this monument; but has mounted this top appropriately and without any alteration. Originally, it was an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, measuring about 12" square by about 4 1/2' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground. It now measures approximately 12" square, by about 14" high plus an additional rise of the top of about 2" to a centered apex. Both the Penn and Calvert shields are discernible but very weathered, as are all surfaces. <sup>Most fluting remains on the east</sup> **CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** side but not the west, and there is a large chunk out of the top northeast corner.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (first set 1902) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon  
SURVEYORS

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Milestone No. 40(43), an original crownstone replacement of 1767 (first set 1902) is of debatable significance except for its short-lived <sup>visually</sup> marking Mason and Dixon's (approximate) <sup>40th</sup> mile/along their Test Line from 1902 until about 1956. Its predecessor, <sup>No. 40(42)</sup> the crownstone originally set by Mason and Dixon in 1766, had been broken off from its base (believed still in place) and vanished by the time of the 1900-05 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The top 14" <sup>of No. 40(43)</sup> is now attractively installed in the <sup>permanent</sup> colonial exhibit of the Historical Society of York County, and as such is of considerable educational significance locally. On the other hand, with the base of No. 40(42) unexposed, and No. 40(43) only a nondescript grade-level patch of concrete with the squared indentation <sup>from</sup> the original top, there is no visible representation adequately marking this mile, although the integrity of both sites is still intact.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Norrisville (Maryland-Pennsylvania), 7.5 minute series USGS,  
scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 18, easting 36770, northing 439768

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY York

**11 FORM PREPARED BY** (also see form prepared by Jean Ewing c. 1970 (undated))

NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason-Dixon Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey DATE 2/21/80 (site surveyed with Jean Ewing)

STREET &amp; NUMBER 14308 Mount Avenue TELEPHONE 301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN Phoenix STATE Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

1310153227 Hf 1015B

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <i>Site only, Mason Dixon Stone #40</i>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>The northwest corner of Md 23 and an un-named road</i>				
CITY OR TOWN: <i>north of Norrisville</i> <i>running north as Md 23 makes a right angle turn west.</i>				
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>		COUNTY: <i>Harford</i>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <i>Political Boundary</i>				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <i>Joint ownership - Maryland and Pennsylvania</i>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is said to be the site of the Mason-Dixon Stone #40, a five-mile marker. Neighbor describes a smaller one mile marker with P (for Penn) on one side, M (Maryland) on the other, stolen from this site recently. When was the five-mile marker stolen?

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |  |

State  
Boundary  
Marker

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A one-mile marker was placed here about two years ago, and then stolen. But this is a five-mile mark. (Five mile stones are decorated with the seals of Penn and of Calvert.) When did that disappear from this site?

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bayliff, William F. The Maryland - Pennsylvania and Maryland - Delaware Boundaries. Maryland Board of Natural Resources, Annapolis 1 May 1959.

Cummings, Hubertis M. The Mason and Dixon Line. Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. Harrisburg. 1962.

Map of Harford County. Maryland Dept. Geology, Mineral Water Resources 1945. Revised 1963.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JOAN E. JONES	
ORGANIZATION MARYLAND DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

HA-1015B

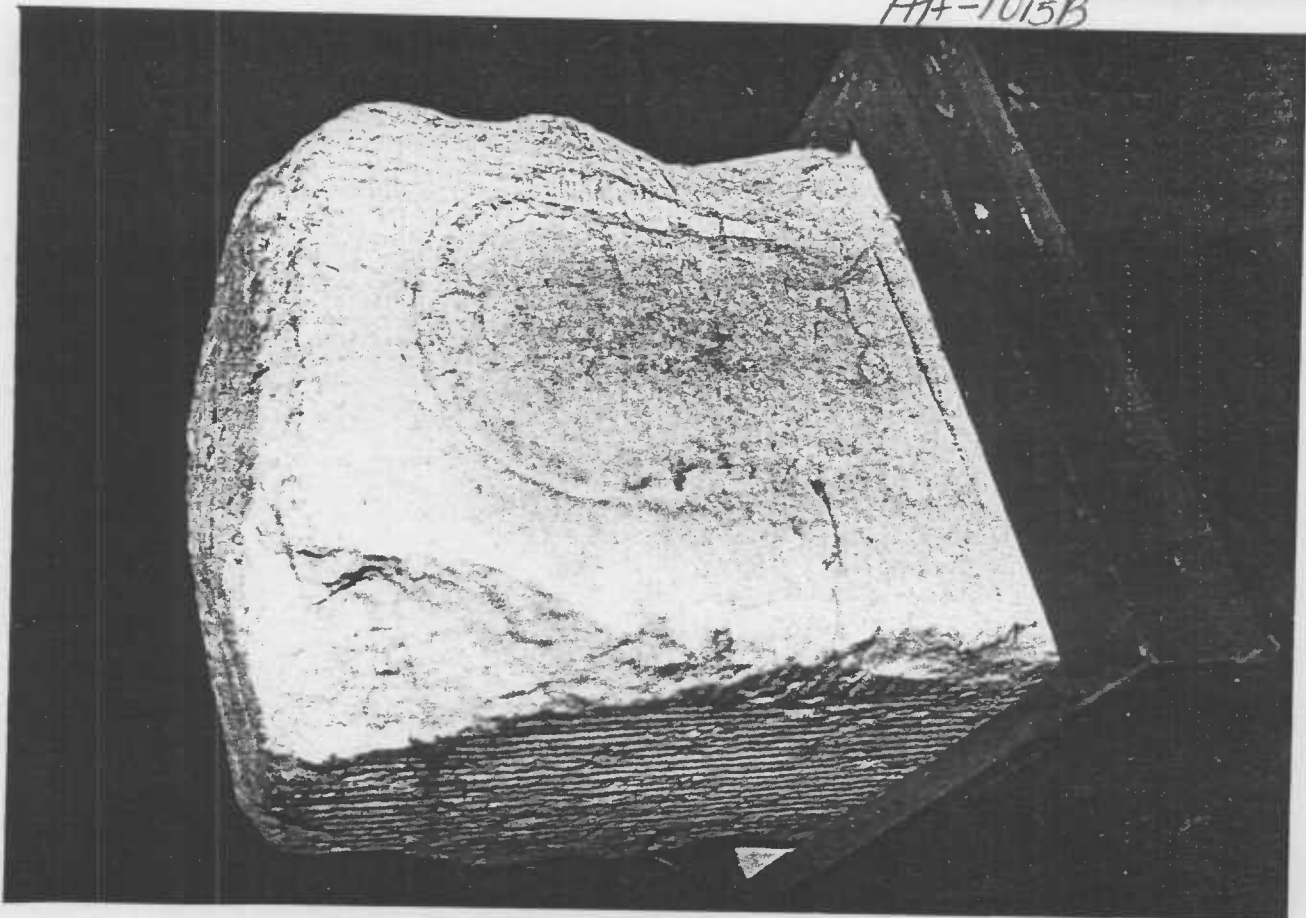


Photo: Historical Society of York County 2/84

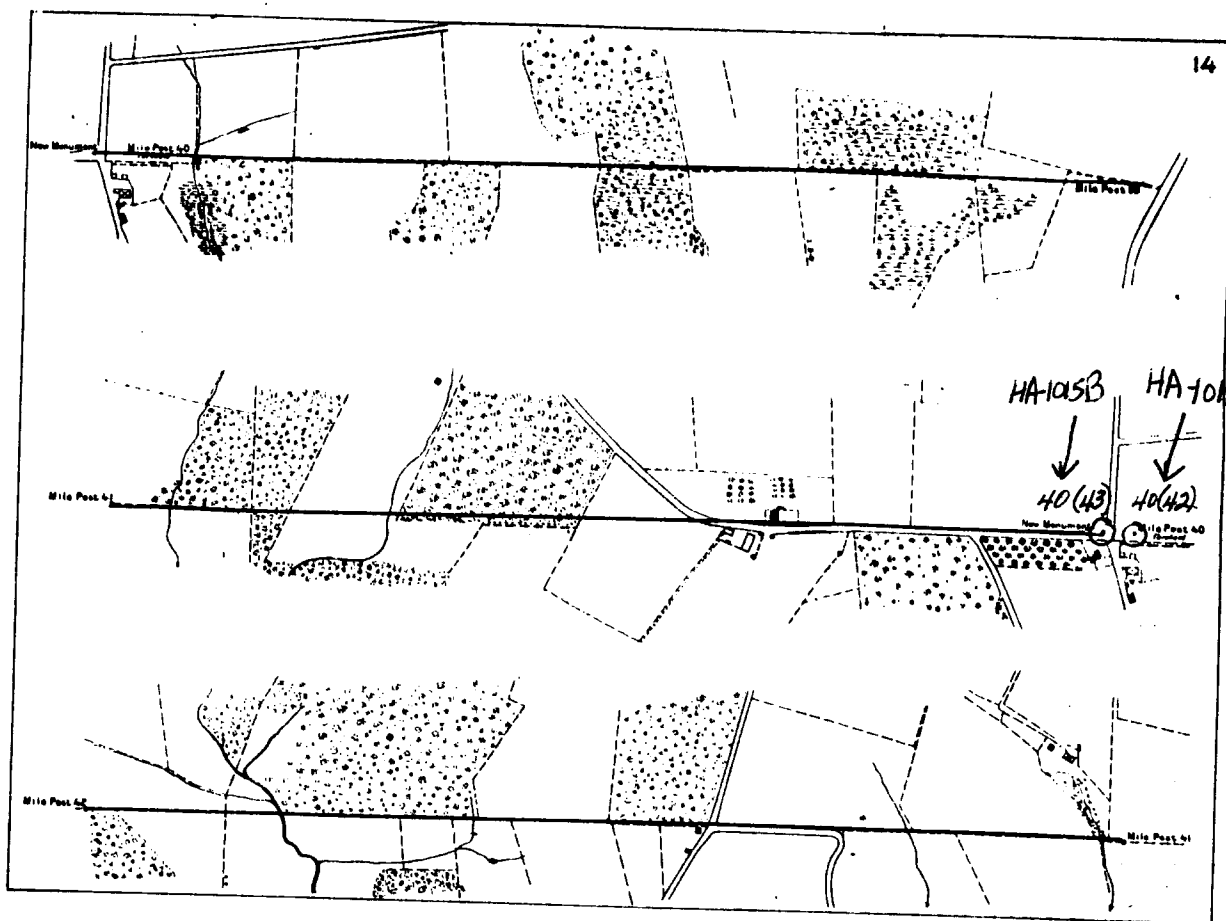
Above-ground portion of an original Mason and Dixon crownstone (1767) brought from Washington County and used as a replacement at relocated site (1902), northwest corner of junction of PA A-1998 with MD-23, Wiley, MD-PA (Harford/York counties), Norrisville quadrangle.

Missing from site since about 1956.

Now installed in permanent colonial exhibit at the Historical Society of York County, 250 East Market Street, York, PA 17403.

View of northeast corner (--/Penn coat of arms)

Negative on file at Historical Society of York County; print a gift from the Society to Maryland Geological Survey.



14

RESUMEY OF MASON-DIXON LINE.

(NO. 102. III, 1908)

PLATE XVIII.

HA-105A + HA-105B  
 MASON DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTAGE 105, 40(42)  
 + 40(43)

HA-1015B

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 40 (43)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

5663 1 SE  
(STEWARTSTOWN)

NORRISVILLE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA  
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
1957 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE: 1"=2000'





MHT

HA-1015B

Mason & Dixon west line <sup>MHE</sup> stone 40

looking SSE



Not original site. This is site of relocated stone

PHOTO: JEAN,  
1 Feb 1980 (DET. #18)



M-D 40

MHT

HA-1015B

Mason Dixon west line: stone 40<sup>(43)</sup>

looking SSE

[NOTE: ORIGINAL SITE NO. 40(42), BASE THERE BELIEVED IN PLACE]  
~~Not original correct location. Site of relocated stone.~~

Wing 21 Feb 1980 (NEG #19)





NAT

HA-1015B

Mason & Dixon west line: <sup>THE</sup> Stone 40 (43)

Looking N11W



BASE OF STONE & CONCRETE FOUNDATION

Site of relocated stone. ~~Not original correct location~~

PHOTO: JEAN  
F. wing 21 Feb 80 (see #15)